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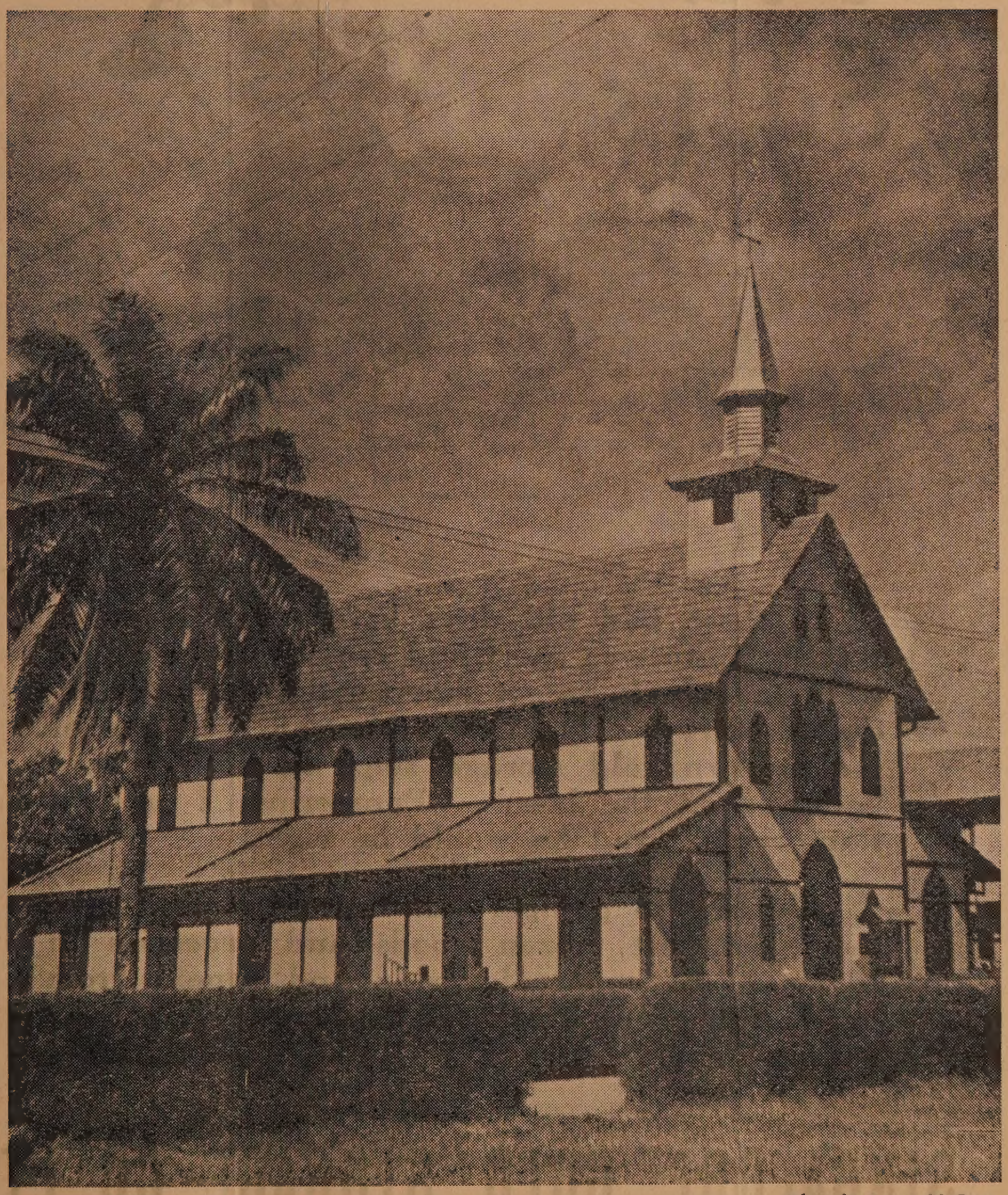

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The Masland Memorial Methodist Church,
Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo.

Old Salts

In those bad old days before refrigeration, a sailor's life was short and sweet. If he didn't walk the plank or get marooned he'd probably die of scurvy. Had Cap'n Morgan seen one of the modern cold storage ships he would have bellowed at the bosun, "Pampering, I calls it Pampering," and he would be right.

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IN THIS ISSUE

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ATTENTION

It is absolutely necessary that all main articles must be in the hands of the Editors by the beginning of the month if they are to appear in that month's issue. Short news items and personals can be accepted up until the 10th of the month.

PICTURES

We request all who submit pictures for publication to send in only black and white glossy finish. Examine your pictures before sending them. If the details are not sharp do not send them for they cannot be used. We prefer action pictures to group pictures.

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PLEASE

To our request sent out in letter form to Pastors and School principals asking for important dates on their calendars we have had few replies. Will you please cooperate by sending in your dates at once?

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Aug. 7 Day Schools August Holidays begin.
Aug. 31 - Sept. 2 Mission Field Committee.
Aug. 5 Day Schools August Holidays begin in Federation of Malaya
Aug. 20 Day Schools August Holidays begin in Singapore
Aug. 14 Singapore A.C.S. Sports Day
Sept. 6 Day Schools Re-open
Oct. 4 Tentative Opening Date of Trinity College

OUR BOOK ROOM

The Methodist Book Room, Singapore, shifted to its new quarters, No. 12, Mt. Sophia, the 1st of June. It is now located in the house known as the "Tower House," which stands opposite the Upper School Building of the Methodist Girls School. Its new location gives the Book Room a much better opportunity for book and picture displays. For Singapore residents it is accessible by car on Mt. Sophia Road; for those who do not have their own conveyance we suggest coming to the back of the Cathay Building and using the steps up the hill. The telephone number is the same, namely 82544.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR 1949

Order blanks have been posted to all of our English-speaking Sunday Schools. These orders should be in the office of the Methodist Book Room before the 15th of August. Sunday Schools that may not have received the order blanks but wish to order such materials from America, should write to the Book Room at once.

Meditation Resources

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."

—Philippians 1:9,10.

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"The Lord be with thee to defend thee, within thee to preserve thee, before thee to lead thee, behind thee to guard thee, beneath thee to uphold thee, above thee to bless thee." Amen.

—A 6th Century Prayer.

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"Let prayer and meditation center always round the thought of the Love and Power of that infinite and all pervading Spirit of whom Christ is the portrait, and it will be possible to rise above the natural consequences of evil happenings, to make of suffering an opportunity, of loss a stepping-stone to gain, and to find in failure retrieved and pain conquered the secret of power".

—Canon Streeter.

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"The Holy Catholic Church is a company of living souls, established upon the rock of Christ, quickened by God and knit together in the unity and fellowship of His Spirit."

—Isaac Pennington.

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"Patience expresses the characteristic of the man who is unswerved from his deliberate purpose and loyalty by even the greatest trials and sufferings".

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When we read the lives of the saints, we are struck by a certain large leisure which went hand in hand with a remarkable effectiveness. They were never hurried; they did comparatively few things, and these not necessarily striking or important; and they troubled very little about their influence. Their sainthood lay in their habit of referring the smallest actions to God.

—E. Herman.

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"God when He raises a soul to union with Himself, suspends the natural action of all the faculties. One neither sees, hears, nor understands as long as one is united with God. But this time is always short and it seems shorter than it is. God establishes himself in the interior of the soul in such a way, that when it returns to itself, it is wholly impossible for it to doubt that it has been in God and God in it....This truth remains so strongly impressed on it, that even though many years should pass without the condition returning that soul can neither forget the favour it has received, nor doubt of its reality.....A Certitude abides which only God can give."

—St. Teresa.

"Our part is to give ourselves over to God and leave ourselves utterly in His hands, being wholly His. And if ye cannot be as entirely His as ye fain would be, be His as much as ye may attain unto; but whatever ye are, be that truly and entirely; and what ye cannot be, that be contented not to be, in a sincere spirit of resignation, for God's sake in Him. So shall you peradventure possess more of God in lacking than in having".

—John Tauler.

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"Christian character is the only force which a man can both leave behind him, and take with him when he comes to die. Nothing can withstand it, and nothing can check its career. It is bound to impress all that it touches, and it touches everything—"the world", "the earth."

—Bishop Brent.

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"Cheered by the presence of God, I will do at the moment, without anxiety, according to the strength which he shall give me, the work that his providence assigns me. I leave the rest; it is not my affair."

—Fenelon.

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"The soul is dyed with the colour of its leisure hours".

—Dean W.R. Inge.

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"Sunday is a supreme opportunity for the practice of the art of living. It is a Divine tool for the shaping of human character".

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"Silence is part of the Eternal. All things that are true and lasting have been taught to men's hearts in the Silence. Silence teaches no creeds, only that God's arms are around the universe. Listen to the voice of Silence, for it is the voice of God."

—Jerome K. Jerome.

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Prayer

"God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to thy honour and glory. Amen."

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EDITORIAL

AGAIN AND AGAIN IN TIMES OF STRESS do we discover how close to life our Bible is . In these difficult post-war days when the awful shadow of another war haunts us, when our Christian heritage and the democracies that spring from it are threatened, and when our very faith is called in question, it is good to be able to find in the Bible sources of strength and well-springs of courage.

DARING TO PLAY OUR PART

Certainly no nation in the world's history has such a history of continuous oppression and persecution as have the ancient Hebrews or their descendants, the present-day Jews. A young man by the name of Ezekiel had been a youth in the city of Jerusalem when the Babylonians came down upon it, utterly destroyed it, and carried the most important citizens into exile. He knew what it meant to be dispossessed—he was an exile amid the oppressive splendour of his conquerors, his own people uprooted, dejected, whipped, and wretched. Many of us today know how he felt. Then something happened to this young man that put his name forever into history. Twice, in the prophecy called by his name, he says: "*The Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet.*" And, as a result of that spiritual experience, he became one of the creators of new Judaism. He helped make possible the return from exile years later, he kept alive during the exile the religion of Yahweh, the God of all nations, and he was a vital force in helping to bring a new era in man's spiritual life.

There are usually two aspects to the relationship between ourselves and the world: one, what the world does to us; the other, what we do to the world. In peaceful, prosperous times, we go out happily to do things to the world. But the time comes to all of us when the situation is reversed, when trouble, antagonism, disaster confront us, and the major question is whether or not we can stand up and take it. It is pretty much a question of stamina. Can we as individuals, as families, as citizens, as Christians, stand up and take it?

No man really escapes situations where all his chances of positive, creative living depend not alone on what he can do, but on what he can stand. The biographer of George Frederick Handel tells us of a time when Handel's health and fortunes had reached the lowest ebb, his right side was paralyzed, and his money was all gone. His creditors seized him and threatened him with imprisonment. At first he felt it was no use, he might as well give in. Then he arose and composed his greatest masterpiece, one the world loves more today than ever, "*The Messiah.*" So whether or not the "*Hallelujah Chorus*" was going to be written hung in a balance until the Spirit entered his soul and set him upon his feet. Instinctively our admiration goes out to a man who can do that. We are living in crucial days in the world's history, will we dare to play our part?

WHO READS THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE?

THE PROBLEM FACING THE EDITORS of this magazine are many and complex and it is doubtful if they can be successfully resolved. At one and the same time it must attempt to serve the needs of its subscribers in this Area, the Methodists of Malaya, Sumatra and Borneo, and its readers in America and Europe. For Malayan Methodists it attempts to give devotional literature and keep them informed as to what is happening among Methodists in all sections of Malaysia (a word coined by Methodists to cover all our work in this part of the world). All conferences and meetings are covered and reported. At the same time it seeks to serve our great youth organization, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, commonly designated and known as the MYF. But it also has an obligation to the teachers and students in our schools many of whom are not Methodists or even Christians. Besides this local need the editors must always bear in mind the person in America or Europe who is interested in our work here and who in one way or another supports our work. As far as possible we send THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE to all donors to Malayan Church projects, to the Board of Foreign Missions, to all past missionaries and friends who are in the homelands, and to many of the Church leaders, including all the bishops of the church. Some 500 copies go to America alone!

Because there is some misunderstanding as to what our area magazine is meant to do, we want our readers to understand the task which is ours as the editors of your journal. We always greatly appreciate your constructive criticism and helpful suggestions and trust this explanation of the complex task we are trying to face will enlist your cooperative support.

THIS JOURNAL IS A COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE

ONLY BY THE LOYAL COOPERATION of all who read this journal can it exist. Every project fostered by our Annual Conferences is cooperative in nature. Never does our Methodist Church dictate in such matters. How much simpler the problem of distribution and circulation would be if our Bishop would simply command that all

Methodist Church members, all teachers on our school staffs, all the upper-class pupils in our schools, all in any way connected with our church in office or any other way, must be subscribers of THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE. No one likes compulsion of that sort and even though compulsion often simplifies matters we do not use it.

But there is such a thing as loyalty to one's church, to one's organization, to the institution with which one is connected. Only by this loyalty can the Church grow. Only by this loyalty can any project fostered by the Church succeed. This means the cooperation of pastors, of school principals, of MYF leaders, of the teachers in our schools. It should be a matter of pride with all our pastors to have one of our Methodist Church journals in each home, THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE in all English-speaking homes, THE LIGHT OF SALVATION in all Tamil-speaking homes, THE SOUTHERN BELL in all Chinese-speaking homes, and the same holds true of the principals of our various schools. Such cooperation would tremendously encourage the editors of our three magazines and firmly establish the magazines financially. Not a single one of these magazines is the individual scheme or pet project of some one person. Each one is long-established in THE METHODIST CHURCH in Southeastern Asia. They are all the common projects of our Annual Conferences and the editors are appointed by the Bishop. Thus they deserve and should have the loyal support of every reader.

A FAMILY ALTAR

FOR SOME YEARS THE METHODIST CHURCH has been vigorously advocating the setting up of family altars using the purely spiritual meaning of the word. The tremendous popularity of *The Upper Room* testifies to the success of this movement. Every Methodist home is asked to have such an altar where the day-by-day readings from *The Upper Room* and the *Bible*, together with any other devotional aids, be participated in by the entire family. In the N.C.C. News of the National Christian Council of China is an interesting paragraph on the question of having a family altar, which we quote:

"We asked a Chinese Baptist the other day what his reaction to a Family Altar would be: 'What, for example, would you think of keeping there the names of all Christian members of the family who have gone on?' The answer came: 'It is not a question of what I feel as a Baptist. A place of worship in the home is a part of the Chinese cultural heritage, and I would like to see it Christianized.'

We asked an English Baptist the same question. 'But we try to teach our child that God is everywhere, and we have prayers in whatever room in the house it is convenient at the time.'

These two answers, it seems to us, should be taken in conjunction. We all remember Jacob's surprise: 'Surely, the Lord is in this place; and I knew him not.' We should be able, like Brother Lawrence, to pray at any time and place. But there are also times, perhaps at great festivals or on special days, when an altar, or 'a worship center,' is desirable.

At any rate, here is a matter for Chinese Christians to think about. We still recall the paper of a Chinese student at St. John's University written in 1940. Asked to state his earliest religious impression, he wrote:

'I was between two and three, and my mother called me from play to bow to my grandfather's tablet on his death day. 'Why must I do this?' I asked. My mother replied, 'Because your grandfather sacrificed for the family, and we must show our gratitude.'"

CAN HAPPINESS COME OUT OF THINGS?

IF WE WERE TO ACCEPT most modern advertising we would conclude that happiness is something that is made out of things like radios, chromium-plated furniture, motor cars and fine houses. In the mad rush to secure things for ourselves we allow our lives to be dissipated at an ever more alarming rate. In essence this is a spiritual matter, for it concerns values and rests upon a false premise. Happiness cannot be bought. Happiness is something that comes indirectly and is usually the result of unselfish acts, of helping someone else; it is the reward for true achievement, it comes as a sort of glow that transfuses the body and brings with it peace and joy. Happiness comes first perhaps as the natural result of just sheer physical health—that wonderful privilege that is ours to ride the steed of a strong sound body. Happiness comes when one has been able to do something or achieve something that is of value to the lives of others. Because you have lifted someone's burdens, eased the way for another, shown a child some new insight into the world, shared fellowship with a dear one, there comes to you something money cannot buy and which things can never of themselves give you. How unhappy many rich men are is proverbial. Happiness is only achieved when there is peace in your soul and you know you are in accord with man and God.

LIQUOR ADVERTISING ADMITS ITS OWN LIABILITIES

IN THE MAY 27 ISSUE OF *The Christian Advocate* is a short terse Editorial that we wish to reprint in its entirety. This is what the Editor wrote:

> "An advertising agency which handles a large amount of liquor advertising sent out the following highly significant instructions with the copy which was distributed to a considerable number of publications recently: 'Copy must be kept away from headache or stomach distress advertising. Copy must also be kept away from news items on drunken driving, death notices, church items, anti-liquor articles, etc.'
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> "No comment seems to be necessary. Any reader can write his own editorial."

"Our main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance; but to do what lies clearly at hand.
—Thomas Carlyle.

Events of Interest

CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIPS

ONE OF THE GREATEST DRAMAS of the Christian Church has been the Crusade for Christ. More than 27 million dollars were given by the Methodists of America to help rehabilitate a stricken world. Never before had any body of church people responded so magnificently to the shrill cry of world distress. As one writer so aptly put it, "Never before had Methodists been so eager to make the world see how effective can be the so-called 'almighty dollar' when it has become the Almighty's Dollar."

Here in Malaya, as elsewhere where the Methodist Church has a programme, the Crusade for Christ fund has done its share to rebuild life and property. One of the outstanding features of the Crusade programme has been the setting aside of over one million dollars for scholarships. From all over the world Methodists of promise and vision have been sent to America for further training. Altogether approximately 400 students have been granted scholarships. After getting this further training they will return to their native lands better able to take their places in the World of Tomorrow. In 1946-47 the Rev. Timothy Huang, Superintendent of the North Malaya Chinese District attended Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Ding Lik Kiu of Sibu, Borneo, has been on a scholarship in Drew University, Madison, New Jersey since 1946. In 1946-47 the Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar and the Rev. M. Thangamuthu were assisted with Crusade Scholarship funds to attend school in India. In 1947-48 the Rev. and Mrs. Chew Hock Hin, of the Paya Lebar and Geylang Churches in Singapore, have spent a very profitable year at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee. The Rev. Hong Han Keng, District Superintendent of the Southern Chinese District and the Rev. Uong Lee Huo of Sibu, Borneo are spending this year at Nanking Theological Seminary. Mr. A. J. Rajakariar of the Anglo-Chinese School, Klang, the Malaya Conference lay delegate to the General Conference, is attending Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois this summer. In August five more workers will leave for the United States to attend different colleges. Mrs. Tan Ah Eng of the Singapore Methodist Girls' School will be studying at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. Gurdial Singh of the Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban, will spend a year at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. The Rev. and Mrs. Ho Seng Ong of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, will go to Denver University for a year. The Rev. Theodore Doraisamy of the Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore will attend Boston University.

The Crusade Scholarship Committee in New York has just informed the committee in Malaya that the scholarship fund is exhausted and that no further scholarships can be granted.

—H. F. KUEHN
Chairman, Crusade Scholarship Committee.

MRS. TAN TENG KIM

IN THE MAY ISSUE of THE MALAYSIA MESSAGE we ran an article entitled, *"Methodist Women are Honoured,"* in which we featured eight Methodist women who had recently been appointed Justices of the Peace by the government of Singapore. Out of a total number of eighteen so honoured we were proud to claim eight. Unfortunately, we omitted mention of Mrs. Tan Teng Kim and apologize for this. Thus the Methodist total is nine.

Mrs. Tan was born in Penang and educated in the St. George's Girls' School up to Std. Six. Sometime later she came to Singapore and after some years she joined the Methodist Girls School, passing the Senior Cambridge and became a teacher in the Methodist Girls School and Fairfield Girls School until 1938.

Mrs. Tan is the mother of 5 daughters and 2 sons.

Mrs. Tan is a member of the Straits Chinese Church, Singapore and was a teacher in the Sunday School.

In 1938 she became an officer of the St. John's Ambulance Corps and during the war was in charge of a first-aid post. She has played a large part in the building of the Girls' Life Brigade in Singapore and is a Lieutenant with the Local G.L.B. Battalion.

Her wide experience as a teacher, as a church worker, in various forms of community welfare work, and as a mother, were among the reasons why the government honoured her with this appointment.

Mr. Singh | Mrs. Ho Seng Ong | Rev. Ho | Mrs. Tan Ah Eng | Rev. Doraisamy

Crusade Scholarships holders leaving for America in August

● *This was an address given at the MYF Institute at Ipoh. As its appeal should reach all Methodist youth in Malaya we are featuring it in this issue.*

The Malayan Christian Church

J. A. P. OSWALD

AT THIS INSTITUTE—this congress of the Methodist Youth of Malaya—it is appropriate, yea, urgent to take up for thought and examination the subject of the Malayan Christian Church. We have also had on our Institute programme the subject of the World Church.

Any realistic, constructive and even idealistic understanding and assessment of the Malayan Christian Church, its beginnings, its progress, and a prognosis of its future must be based on a correct knowledge and understanding of its innate, acquired and intrinsic characteristics. These characteristics are in their turn related to the racial, social, cultural and religious strands that constitute our Malayan body politic—strands derived from and belonging to composite sources that came from India, Arabia, China, and the Western World.

Beginning with the Christian Era, and possibly earlier, Indian contact and influence with Malaya made a far-reaching and enduring contribution—racial, social, economic, linguistic, cultural, ethical, and spiritual. The simple life of the Malays was enriched by words, ideas of farming, new tools, musical instruments and ornaments, plants and animals, astronomy, legends and stories, trade with India, new ideas of government, and the religions of India. Scenes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharatha, and episodes from Sakuntala and Harichandra still form favourite themes on the Malay stage. This contribution was largely Hindu in ideal and tradition.

About the 14th century Mohammedan influence from India and Arabia came in strongly and widely, and the Malays began to assimilate the customs, manners, and traditions of the Arabs. In the meantime visits by Chinese in their junks began to establish the Chinese connection and influence in Malaya.

HISTORICALLY, THE MALAYAN CHURCH began with the coming of the Portuguese early in the 16th Century, and of the Dutch and the English-speaking British and American Christian Missions which followed the Portuguese. Therefore, the Malayan Church of today has for its background and for its pastoral and evangelical field an amalgam formed by the mixing and mingling of many elements from East and West, and of the social, cultural, ethical and religious content and influence of Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity.

What are the opportunities, potentialities and responsibilities of the Christian Church of Malaya, and what part will it play in the days immediately ahead? Comparatively speaking this is a happy and blessed land. It has the healthy and enduring heritages derived from many and varied sources, and it has great natural resources of its own. It is comparatively free from the harsher aspects, the strains and stresses—social, economic, creedal and ideological—that are disturbing and distressing other lands. Neither has it suffered much from the heavily incrusted hand of tradition, custom and formalism. It is young and possesses the qualities of the young—it is free, generous, adventurous and forward-looking. It is ready to follow the right gleam and the right lead and the right exertions for comradeship, endeavour and service.

The Malayan Christian Church gives proof of its awareness of the opportunities and responsibilities of today, and of the days ahead, in the union of churches, the wider and stronger organisation of the Christian Youth and the increasing part they take and play in the various fields of Christian endeavour. In this time of increasing and closer contact of new and powerful forces, cohesive on the one part, and divisive and conflicting on the other, the task of the Church is clear. Malaya is part of the world's life.

The stream of the future may be beset with rapids and falls resulting from social upheavals. It is the imperative task and opportunity of the awakening and living church of Malaya to so organise itself and so toil and live and exert its influence to help the stream of Malayan life to find a more even and purposeful flow. The church should stand as a formative healing and harmonising influence in the affairs and life of individuals and institutions. It should demonstrate that it lives and serves as its Master did, and enjoined on it is the necessity to do likewise. Jesus fed, healed,served, taught, stood up against wrong and unrighteousness, preached, pleaded, prayed, loved, and redeemed.

AT THIS MEETING OF METHODIST YOUTH it will be valuable to look back and see the way The Methodist Church in Malaya has advanced and evolved towards the realization of a Malayan Church, become more and more indigenous in aims, aspirations, ideals, organisation, stewardship, and personnel of leadership. In this connection we remember the late Bishop J. E. Robinson from India, who initiated the appointment of Asian District Superintendents about 1914 and the late Bishop Bickley who opened the door for Asian membership in the Field Finance Committee; Bishop Titus Lowe who followed this up by abolishing the appointment of "Missionary-in charge", or "Resident Missionary", for over-seeing the work of Asian workers, and commissioning Asian officers of the Church for such responsibilities.

Bishop E. F. Lee initiated the H.M.S., the Home Missionary Society of The Methodist Church, which was founded with an Asian Chairman; and more recently the organisation of the Chinese Annual Conference added two more steps in the evolution of the Malayan indigenous church.

Is that enough? No! We want all responsible appointments to be held by local persons. Yes, it is a laudable aim. Have we the talent? Has the church

been able to attract the best men and women into service? It may be said that our men are responsive, but we little realize that the Malayan Methodist Christians are often very luke-warm in their duty to the church. Four points deserve consideration:-

First: Not until the Malayan Church gets the best trained and educated Asians, who come because they are called of God; pays them salaries in keeping with the dignity of their high calling and office without having to depend on foreign aid;

Second: Not until Malayan Christians realize that they are the stewards of the Church, and give their best service in time and financial aid for the advancement of God's Kingdom;

Third: Not until Malayan Christians not merely call themselves Christians but live Christ-like lives;

Fourth: Not until Malayan Christians realize that each of us belongs to a national group with a great heritage and that therefore we should align ourselves to such groups for worship, for support and for leadership, *will the Malayan Church become fully Malayan or shall I say indigenous.*

LET US NOT FAIL TO RECOGNISE the languages used in the respective homelands of each social group in Malaya. (The official language used in China is Mandarin.)

India has announced its aim at making the nation 100% literate in the next five years. Ceylon has set ten years as the time when all official matters are to be dealt with in Tamil or Singhalese. Even Malaya is now beginning to feel that Malay should be the official language.

We should as young people, be proud of our mother-tongue and learn it, and profit from the stores of knowledge it has for us. Then we will be able better to serve the community. In this connection the post-war Educational policy of Malaya provides opportunity for the study of our mother tongue even in the English Language Schools. By this I do not in the least mean to deprecate the value of English or the contribution made by the English-speaking churches. They have done and do have a definite place in the moulding of our lives.

The excuse has been given that the national language preachers do not measure up to the requirements of the youth today. Whose fault is it? I venture to say it is ours. The challenge is to the youth to train themselves to serve the community by the experience gained in the Christian fellowship from all directions, including such meetings as this Institute. I therefore, appeal to you, the youth, to seize the golden opportunity by the fore-lock and answer the challenge.

This indigenous Malayan Church will not fail to take stock of all the indigenous resources of Malaya—material, intellectual, ethical and spiritual, and employ them for the building up of a Malayan Society based on brotherhood, co-operation, service, justice and righteousness. The working out of a church programme for the attainment of this goal is the responsibility of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and all other Christian organisations in Malaya.

"Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him. —Booker T. Washington.

It is Your Book

Centuries before English was a language, the Bible was begun.

Historians, statesmen, poets and kings have contributed to it.

Brave men have defended it from destruction.

Patient scholars copied its text by hand, letter by letter.

Learned men have translated it into hundreds of languages.

Consecrated men have spent all they had; forsaken home and country, and have died in flames at the stake.

All,—that YOU might have this Book for your own sake—for the world's sake.

Chinese Pastors—men and women—at Annual School assembled in Sibu. Faculty with others on the front row. Rev. Wong King Hwo, senior minister and superintendent, in centre front.

Chinese Pastors meet in Sibu

H. B. A.

IN 1930 THE WRITER WAS INVITED by the late Rev. James M. Hoover to hold a Pastor's School in Sibu, Sarawak, similar to the ones he had been holding in Malaya since 1927. Thus in June of that year he and the Rev. Andrew K. T. Chen, a Chinese minister and scholar, travelled over to Borneo and held the first Pastor's School ever held in Borneo. Similar Schools have been held annually ever since, except during the war years. Last year the Rev. H. F. Kuehn, assisted by others, held the first post-war School but due to local circumstances they were able to meet together for only a few days. This year we were able to have the usual full week together, opening the School on June 18th and closing it on the evening of the 24th.

After 18 years both the writer and Andrew K. T. Chen were together again for the Sibu School and had a fine time reminiscing with the pastors, some of whom were present 18 years ago. Also on the faculty was the Rev. Burr Baughman of Raub, Pahang, who came over on behalf of the Home Missionary Society to visit our Dyak Mission work at Kapit. The Rev. Charles E. Fang of Kuala Lumpur, pastor of the Hokien Chinese Church and a former district superintendent, was official interpreter. Mr. Fang also gave a number of lectures and preached several times in Sibu and in outlying stations. The faculty were assisted by the three Sarawak superintendents, the Rev. Wong King Hwo, the Rev. Wong Dung Sing, and the Rev. Eugene McGraw, resident missionary, who made all the arrangements, took care of the afternoon discussions, and were our gracious hosts.

THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT AROUND the words: Inspiration, Study and Fellowship. Every morning at 6.30 we met for Morning Watch led each day by a different pastor. Instead of talks at these early devotions the leader would choose several hymns, and then build the devotional period around texts and passages from various parts of the Bible, closing with a period of prayer in which several would lead.

The entire morning from 8.00 to 12.00 was taken for three classes. Mr. Baughman taught a course on "The Background and Content of the Old Testament." Mr. Chen gave a course on "Religious Education, with special emphasis on the Sunday School." Dr. Amstutz lectured on "The Apocalyptical Literature," using the Book of Daniel as illustration.

From 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. the Pastors met under the leadership of the Rev. Wong Dung Sing. The first period was a Prayer Meeting, followed by Hymn Singing under the baton of Mr. Wong. The remainder of the time each day was spent in discussions of local problems: such as self-support, pastor's salaries, and a Four-Year Plan

as envisaged by Mr. Wong Dung Sing. The writer was asked one day to tell of the late Rev. Gerald V. Summers' internment and death. (Mr. and Mrs. Summers and family had been the resident missionaries in Sibu from 1935 until the war. They arrived in Singapore for the December Conference in 1941 the same morning as the first Japanese attack. Mrs. Summers and children left in time for India while Mr. Summers chose to remain and was interned. He died from starvation on September 1st, 1945.) On another afternoon a full explanation was given to the School, with many laymen present also, of the legislation enacted at the General Conference affecting Malaysia and how the Central Conference will be formed. During several afternoons Mr. Andrew Chen answered puzzling theological questions raised by both pastors and laymen.

Every evening at 7.00 we met again in the Masland Memorial Church for sermons and lectures in which all the visiting faculty took part. Mr. Baughman one evening gave a very interesting and inspirational address on the formation and past work of the Home Missionary Society. He stressed its present plans to concentrate on the Dyak programme in the immediate future. On two evenings the large church was packed to its utmost capacity—perhaps 700 men, women and children were present. One evening was devoted to a series of film-strips on the "Life of Jesus" and "The Missionary Journeys of St. Paul;" a second evening presented movies taken by the writer of previous Pastor's Schools in Sibu and in Malaya, and of the Dyaks in Kapit and a visit in 1941 to the longhouse of Penghulu Sibat.

EIGHTEEN FULL-TIME PASTORS, the superintendents, and thirteen supply pastors were present for the whole week. In addition there were eighty-seven Bible Women and laymen present, some for the whole period, others for just a day or two. The last afternoon was given over to a meeting of the Sarawak Mission when the committee members of the Central Committee were elected and other routine business matters attended to under the chairmanship of the senior minister and superintendent, the Rev. Wong King Hwo. One of the items on the programme for that afternoon was a full explanation of the plans for opening of Trinity College in Singapore, and the meeting resolved to raise a scholarship for one candidate for the ministry. Several fine young men are anxious to come to Singapore to enroll in Trinity College —the financial problems alone needing to be solved.

All of us met together daily in an upstairs dining-room of a local restaurant where we ate in fine fellowship. As no tea or coffee is served at such Chinese meals a number of the faculty and pastors were wont to adjourn to a coffee-shop for a tea and coffee and further good fellowship. A splendid spirit pervaded the School and we felt richly blessed in many ways. Once again the opportunities of the Ministry were analyzed and seen in a new light. Where inspiration had been dulled by the monotony of work on distant stations, where one had become lax in study and sermon preparation, new resolutions were made and new heights were envisaged. Again the inexhaustible treasures of the Bible were revealed and clarified. Our common faith was strengthened, and we parted the richer for having been together and having shared in the blessings given by the Spirit of the Living God through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Church and Temporary School Building at Mador, Sarawak

POSTPONEMENT OF MALAYAN PASTORS SCHOOLS

MANY PASTORS HAVE BEEN LOOKING forward to the annual *Pastors' Schools*. After consultation with superintendents and leaders among both our Indian and Chinese pastors, it had been decided to hold separate Schools this year for each racial group. Originally it had been planned to hold the Tamil Pastors' School at Seremban, but due to illness on the part of the pastor-host and superintendent it was more or less decided to hold this School in Ipoh. The Chinese pastors were eager to have their School at Tanah Rata, Cameron Highlands, and were getting personal subscriptions to assist with extra expenses which would be involved.

Now, however, due to the unsettled condition in the Malay States it has seemed wise to postpone both Schools. This has been done after consultation with leaders among both of our Annual Conferences and with many others, including advice from the C.I.D. As it is decidedly unsafe to travel by car and to meet together in large groups these days, we were advised to postpone our Schools. Pastors are responsible people and are considered by terrorists and Communists as champions of law and order, and such of course they are. Thus, any gathering together of responsible people like pastors, might easily become a target for some extremists. It also seemed unfair to ask pastors to leave their homes and families at this time for a period of a week or more. It is thus with great regret that the Dean, Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz, has postponed both Schools.

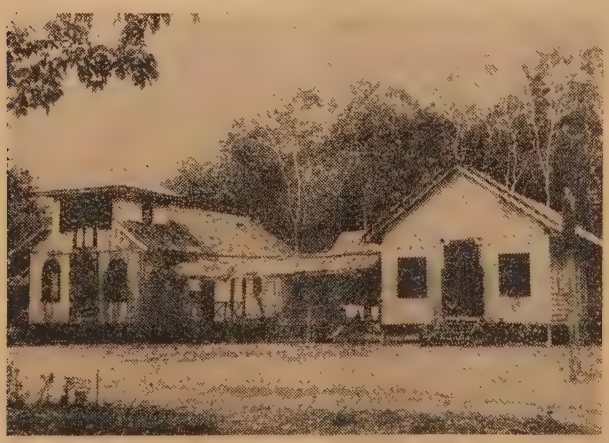
● *Observations by the Editor made on his tenth visit to Sarawak.*

Methodism in Sibu

H. B. A.

AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR CENTURY young James M. Hoover, from a farm in eastern Pennsylvania came to Malaya as a Missionary. A year later at a session of the Malaya Annual Conference being held under Bishop Hurst he volunteered to go to Sarawak and minister to the needs of the Foochow Christian colonists who had recently come to the Rejang River Valley. He was joined a year later by Miss Mary Young who became his wife, so the Hoover's 'grew up' with Sarawak Methodism and played a tremendous role in establishing The Methodist Church up and down the Rejang River.

One of the things that Methodism in Sarawak must always thank Mr. Hoover for was his uncanny foresight in securing strategic locations for our churches and schools. Having been on the actual site when many times a particular area was still virgin jungle or forest he often knew desirable locations before they were known to others. At Serekei, for example, by chance he discovered a hill behind the area planned for the pasar (market) and at once registered claim to it in the Land Office for the Methodist Church. Today this is the highest land in Serekei. The accompanying drawing vividly describes our location on the island of Sibu. We have something over three acres in almost the exact geographical center of the island. Our land adjoins the pasar area, and lies between that and the government offices and residences, behind which is a Malay village. The Masland Memorial Church steeple is the highest object on the island and immediately visible whether you are coming from up or down the river. Our new Mission residence and school building when completed, will be the finest buildings on the island, and perhaps in all of Sarawak. The Kindergarten section is completed and ready for use while gangs of workmen have already driven the necessary piling and are now pouring the concrete for the concrete-reinforced residence and school buildings.



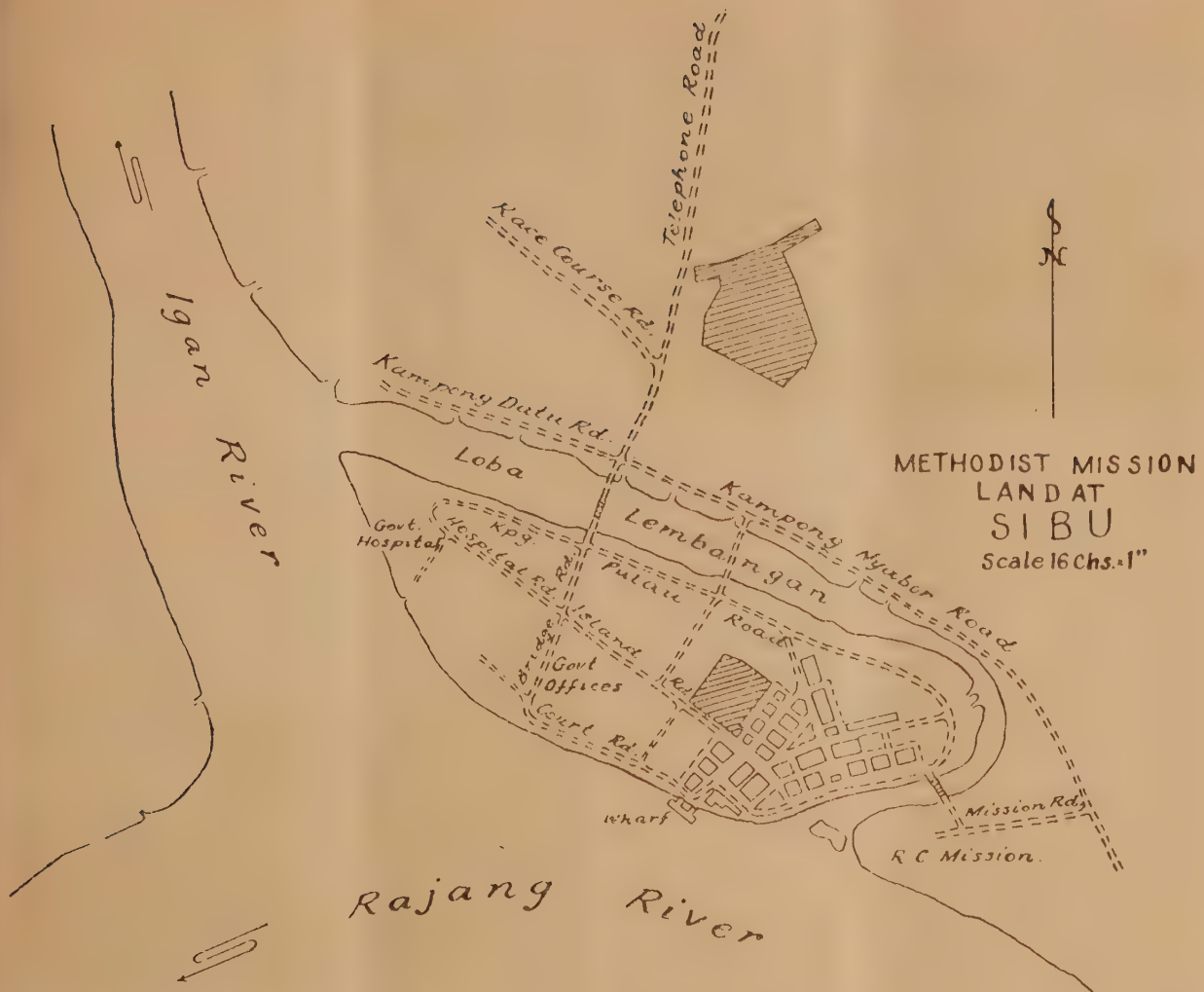
Church and School at Kui Nga Geng

FOR SOME YEARS THE LOCAL LEADERS tried to find an additional site so that the Methodist English School (founded by the late Rev. G. V. Summers) might have a suitable location. Prior to the war Mr. Summers realized that land must be found on the mainland off the island but at that time none was available within reasonable distance. Within the past year, Mr. Ling Kai Cheng, leading layman of Sarawak Methodism, discovered several owners of property on Telephone Road, within easy walking distance to the pasar, ready to sell. With the permission of the Mission Field Committee and the resident missionary, the Rev. Eugene McGraw, Mr. Ling bought a total of over nine acres of land now covered with rubber trees. This new site is shown on the drawing. It contains the only high land in that area, is never in danger of flooding by the river, and is large enough to accommodate not only a modern school building but two boarding schools, for boys and girls, plus residences for staff, and give plenty of space for a full-size football field and other athletic needs. It is hoped that the Nebraska Conference in America, the home Conference of the late Rev. G. V. Summers, will provide the funds for a Gerald V. Summers Memorial School Building on this new property.

There are some 60,000 Chinese in the Rejang River Valley alone and in all of Sarawak there is no Chinese Senior Middle School. Thus it is hoped to build so as to house not only the Methodist English School but also a full Chinese Middle Senior School which would draw students from all over Sarawak. At present, parents have to send their children to Singapore if they wish to give them the full Chinese education, and that is of course out of the question except for the well-to-do members of the community. It is strongly felt by the local Methodist leaders that the Methodist Church must take the lead both in English and in Chinese Education.

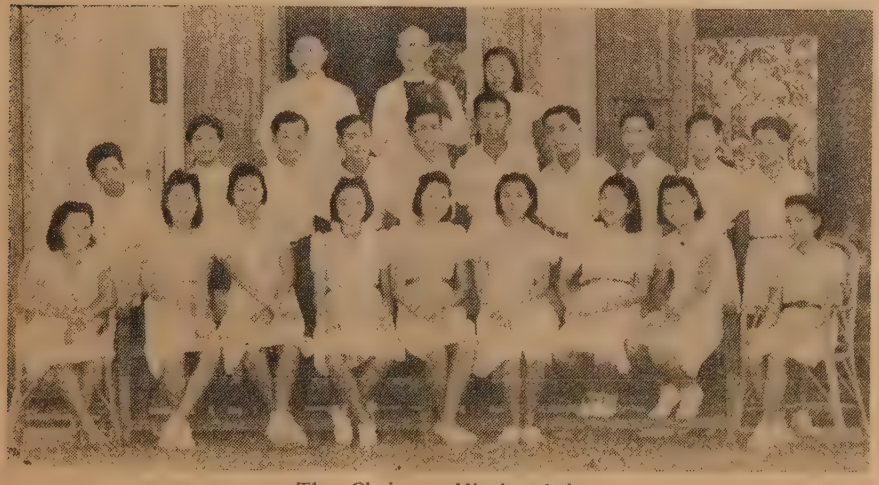
FOR MANY YEARS OUR CHURCH ministered only to the Foochow-speaking Chinese. Then gradually Cantonese, Hokien and Hinghwa settlers began to come to this country. Within the past fifteen years we have been trying to minister to all these Chinese Communities, but are at present without either Hokien or Cantonese pastors. In the Cantonese area we could use several pastors.

Our Sarawak Church has taken the lead in the matter of ministerial support. All full-time ministers are now paid out of a central fund, to which all the churches and the Mission contribute. The treasurer of this fund is Mr. Ling Kai Cheng of Sibu. Each minister receives the same salary, according to length of service and size of family, whether he is in a town church or in some isolated poor community. This equitable sharing has already made for a much better spirit on the part of the ministers. Up until a few years ago the only full-time minister was the pastor of the Sibu Pasar Church, known



The Island of Sibu at the juncture of the Rejang and Igan Rivers, 70 miles from the ocean. Note the location of the Methodist property on the Island—also new location.

All pictures of Sarawak in this issue with the exception of the Hinghwa-bah choir are by the Rev. Eugene McGraw



The Choir at Hinghwa-bah

Mr. Ling Kai Cheng

The Church at Nei Se Kok (Twenty-Four Acres)

as the Masland Memorial Church. Previously all pastors, of necessity worked as school teachers six days a week. Now there are eighteen full-time ministers and one full-time district superintendent. Sarawak is setting a example to Malaysia in respect to indigenous leadership and local support.

Roman Catholicism is also established on this river. There seems to be little rivalry with them, and their priests and our ministers usually work in the same areas without antagonism or an unchristian spirit. Our location in the very centre of Sibu island gives us an initial prestige for the Roman church and school are located off the island on some mud flats on the other side of the estuary from the pasar. The Sarawak Government wisely has set aside areas for the different denominations to work in, and these have been adhered to by the Church of England, the Romans, and the Methodists. Small sects like the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Little Flock, and others do not always keep to these agreements, and sometimes the government must step in to ask them to respect the code. Our statistics for 1947 reveal the following figures: full members on the rolls 2375; Sunday School enrolment 2111; baptised children 1664; enrolment of the Day Schools over 7,000 with over 300 principals and teachers. We have divided the Rejang Area into three districts for administrative purposes, and Services of Worship are regularly held in church buildings and in schools in over fifty different centres; some of these

The Kindergarten at Twenty-Four Acres

are very isolated and difficult to visit due to the absence of roads or rivers navigable that far.

STILL MUCH REMAINS TO BE accomplished before we can be reasonably happy about our work in Sarawak. Many of our pastors have had very little training; many Sunday Schools hardly deserve that name; the MYF does not exist; there is only one congregation with a Woman's Society, and it cannot be called a W.S.C.S. Many congregations are only now beginning to contribute to their minister's support and to the upkeep of their properties. We must always bear in mind that Sarawak is still a pioneer country, that the majority of the inhabitants live at a very low level of existence which necessitates most of their efforts being expended in the struggle for a bare livelihood. At the same time, as in Malaya, most of the parents are determined that their children shall have a better opportunity in life than they had, and thus they sacrifice almost everything to give them whatever education they can obtain in their locality. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has a wonderful opportunity here.

The Nei Se Kok School

The lure and temptation of the large cities is completely absent, much as in the country districts of America before the advent of the motor car, and here still, as formerly there, the church and school are the focal and central points of the community life. Such modern inventions as electricity, ice, cinemas, concrete buildings, and roads with even a gravel surface on which motor cars can run, are to be found in only three towns. Methodism has from its beginning been peculiarly adapted to pioneer work, and this has been proved true in the establishment of our Church in Borneo. As the Rev. Abel Eklund suggested in an article in the May issue of this journal, let us focus our attention on Sarawak, let us help our Methodists there all we can with personnel and financial support, let us build there a Church of Jesus Christ that materialism, and nationalism, and racism and communism in all their selfish and cruel aspects cannot undermine. Such a Church in Sarawak will be the truest memorial to the loyal pastors and Bible women and laymen and missionaries who have and are giving themselves to the establishment of the Kingdom of God in Sarawak.

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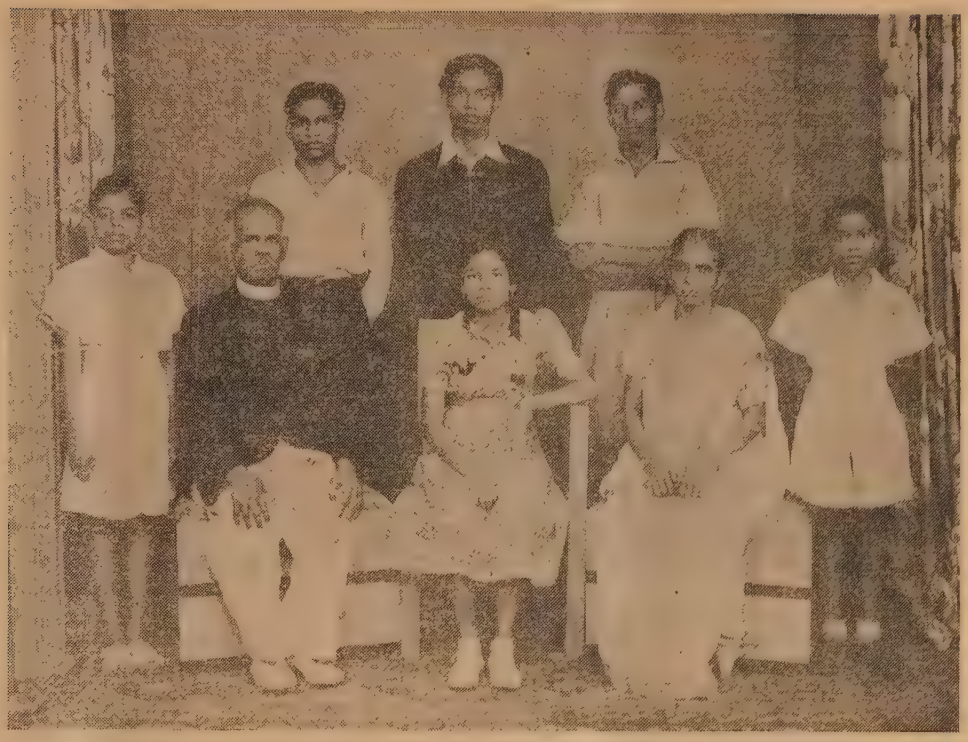

The Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Samuel and part of their family

A PROTÉGÉ OF THE LATE BISHOP AND MRS. WILLIAM F. OLDHAM

THE REV. L. A. SAMUEL was born in Madras, South India, on the 17th July, 1890. His father had been a farmer and was converted under the ministry of the late Bishop W. F. Oldham, then a young missionary in India. Because he changed from Hinduism to Christianity his brothers refused to give him his share of their inheritance. When Mr. Oldham heard about this he helped his father in various ways and adopted Mr. Samuel as a son in 1904, who then went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Oldham in Bangalore. Subsequently he came to Malaya with the Oldhams and joined the Anglo Chinese School in Penang. Later he went to Singapore and became a student of the Anglo Chinese School under the late Rev. J. A. Amery, and in 1906 he studied in the Jean Hamilton Training School under the late Dr. W. G. Shellabear. Mr. Samuel returned to Madras in 1908 because of the death of his mother and continued his studies there until he returned to Sitiawan as pastor of the Tamil Church in 1910. The Rev. Charles E. Draper and Mr. Samuel were the first teachers of the Anglo Chinese School in Kampong Koh, Sitiawan, and started the school in 1910 with an enrolment of 7 boys. The first Mrs. Samuel died in 1913 after which he was transfered to Bukit Mertajam where he worked as teacher and preacher under the late Rev. V. Samuel.

In 1916 he married Miss Elizabeth Jacob, daughter of Dr. E. P. Jacob. She had been baptized by the late Rev. W. E. Horley and educated in the A.C.S. Telok Anson. Previous to her marriage she had assisted with our work in Bukit Lan Sarawak, with the Rev. and Mrs. Chas E. Davies, and in Sibu with the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hoover. Of all the children born to them 13 are living, 7 girls and 6 boys.

In 1919 Mr. Samuel was ordained as Deacon and sent to Telok Anson as pastor of that circuit. Due to illness he returned to India in 1921 and upon his return became pastor of the Tamil Church, Sentul, Kuala Lumpur. He was admitted on Trial in the Malaya Annual Conference in 1922 and ordained as elder and admitted to Full Membership in 1924. In 1930 he was transfered to Kuala Kubu and since the war has been pastor of the Methodist Church at Bukit Rotan, Selangor. Two of Mr. Samuel's sons are working in the government, one is married, and one is a teacher in the A.C.S., Klang. Three boys are still studying in the Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur. Six of their daughters are married and with their husbands live in Malaya.

(We are publishing this series as available. No attempt is being made to keep to actual seniority in age or length of ministry.—Ed.)

"WE DO NOT NEED *more material development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more government, we need more culture. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen."*

—*Calvin Coolidge.*

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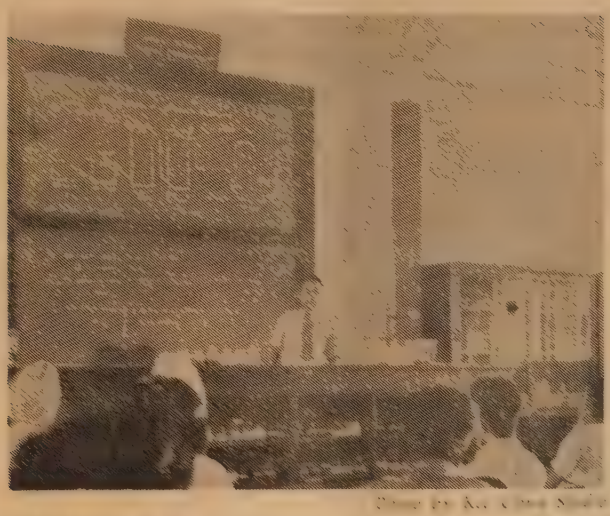


Mr. Ho Seng Hee Sc. Master, with class in new Penang A.C.S. Laboratory

Penang

Wesley Church. The Wesley W.S.C.S., under the leadership of its President, Mrs. H. N. Orloff, sponsored a very successful Pot-luck Supper on the Manse lawn, 136 Burmah Road, Friday evening, June 18th. Between sixty-five and seventy persons were present, including a number of young folk representing the MYF. The weather was kind and the moon was smiling. After a hearty meal there was enthusiastic participation in games conducted by Mr. Loo Choo Kheam and in a sing-song led by Mr. Ngo Hock Kee. Special instrumental music was provided by Miss Wu Nga Chee, Miss Wu Mee Chee and Mr. P. U. David. The Invocation and Benediction were pronounced by the pastor of Wesley Church, the Rev. T. Runyan.

Anglo Chinese School. The science laboratory was opened by Mr. A. V. Aston, the Resident Commissioner, at a tea-party held at the Anglo-Chinese School, Pykett Avenue, Saturday afternoon, June 6th. This well-equipped new addition is the fulfilment of a long-cherished dream on the part of Old Boys, Staff, pupils and friends of the school, and it has been dedicated to the memory of a great teacher Rev. G. F. Pykett. It will be known as the Pykett Memorial Science Laboratory. The Rev. Paul H. Schmucker presided, and speeches were given by Mr. Aston, Mr. G. L. Bayliss, the Senior Inspector of Schools, and the Rev. P. L. Peach, Education Secretary of the Methodist Mission Schools.

Sitiawan

The Chinese Church. The Kampong Koh church has a weekly attendance of nearly 200. The majority of the congregation consists of poor farmers, fishermen, and labourers living in the suburbs of Kampong Koh. The pastor, Rev. Gong Hock Ming, holds prayer-meetings regularly for the families of these poor folk on certain week-days. He also visits the hospital in Lumut and the sick. Recently a total of over $1200 was donated to the church. Dr. Lee, daughter of the late Rev. Lee Ko Ding, donated $800 to the church in memory of her father, and this sum is being utilised for repairs to the church building. Mr. Wong Hean Kim, Principal of the A.C.S., has given a cycle shed costing over $300, which is greatly appreciated. Mr. Hung Miar Kong, senior teacher of the A.C.S. staff, gave a new Hercules bicycle to the church for gospel work.

An English Service conducted by the Rev. W. Foster of Taiping was held on the Methodist Church premises at the beginning of the month. The attendance of 70 members was very encouraging. Should this continue, Mr. Foster intends to visit us fortnightly instead of monthly.

It was regrettable to notice a misprint in the Malaysia Message for May. It might have been a misstatement on the compiler's part. Under the heading, "Concert and Talent Night" in the article on the MYF Institute Echoes, it was stated on the last line that other awards for the Talent Night were a Vocal Quartette: Holiness Becometh Thy House, by the Ipoh Chinese MYF, and b) Piano Solo, The Mocking Bird, by the Penang Tamil. The Piano Solo entitled "The Mocking Bird" was given by the Sitiawan Chapter. There was a change with the Penang Tamil in the programme, and the prize was awarded to the Penang Tamil in our absence. However, we discovered the mistake later and clarified the matter.

Kuala Lumpur

Miss Mabel Marsh. Congratulations to Miss Marsh, principal of the Methodist Girls' School from 1810—1941, on the receipt of the M.B.E. Miss Marsh certainly deserves this honour that has been conferred on her for the excellent work she has done in the cause of women's education and the Y.W.C.A. of Malaya.

In appreciation of the honour conferred on Miss Marsh the teachers of the Methodist Girls' School held a Chinese dinner at the Chan Cheok Restaurant on Saturday, June 12th at 7 p.m. A cheerful atmosphere existed and everyone sat down to a fine dinner. The tables were decorated with the school colours—white and red flowers. At the close of the function Miss Marsh expressed her thanks to all present for the happy function.

About two hundred old girls and friends of the Methodist Girls' School entertained Miss Mabel Marsh, M.B.E., at a Tea at Hotel Majestic on Friday, June 25th at 5 p.m. Among the guests present were Lady Gent, Mr. H. R. Cheeseman, Mr. and Mrs. Frisby, Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Peach, Col. and Mrs. Mervyn Cox, Dr. Soo Kim Lan, Mrs. H. M. Soo, Miss M. Harder, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Clancy. Speeches were made by Lady Gent, Mr. Cheeseman, Mr. Peach and Mrs. Rose Kandiah, the president of the Old Girls' Association. All the speeches referred to the excellent work done by Miss Marsh in Malaya. After thanking everyone present Miss Marsh said how happy she was to see so many old girls whom she knew holding responsible positions and doing their bit.

Tamil Church MYF. The new office-bearers were installed on June 6th at which meeting the Rev. P. L. Peach was the speaker and drew the attention of the members to the great responsibility that was theirs.

The following officers were then elected: President —Mr. M. S. Alfred; Vice-President—Miss R. Saravanamuthu; Secretary—Mr. E. V. Nesaratnam; Treasurer—Mr. E. Kandiah; Chairman for Worship and Evangelism—Mr. J. Nalliah; World Friendship—Mr. B. Niles; Community Service—Mr. S. Sithamparapillay; Recreation and Culture—Miss I. Samuel.

Meetings are held at the Church every Sunday evening.

Methodist Boys' School. 1948 is the Jubilee year of the Methodist Boys School and they celebrated it by having a Jubilee Sports Day on the School grounds on July 16 and 17, by a Jubilee Old Boys' Dinner, a Jubilee School Magazine. We congratulate them on their Jubilee year.

Ipoh

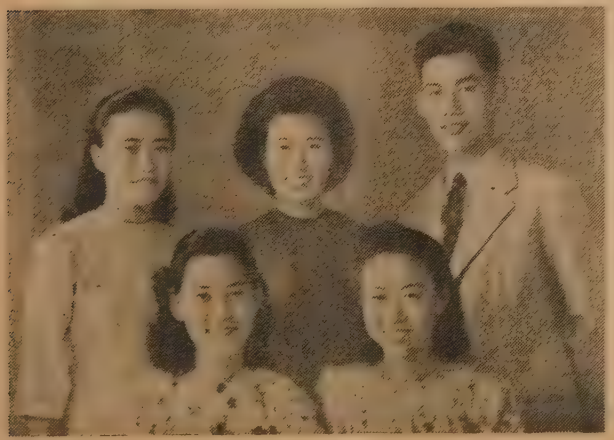
Christian Emphasis Week. July 4th to 11th, will stand out as one of the big weeks in the Church life of Ipoh Methodists. The special evening Services held at Wesley Church and School chapel talks led by the Rev. Mr. Waldo Reinoehl of Singapore have been greatly appreciated. We are sure that his visit will stir up not only a sudden passing interest in adventuring with Christ, but that the effects will be deeper and more lasting, and that there has been a real desire for reconsecration. Mr. Reinoehl was kept busy speaking at three Schools and again in the evening meeting. On Saturday July 10th members of the Churches had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Reinoehl at a social held by the W.S.C.S. Members of the three Youth Fellowships, the Tamil, Chinese, and Wesley were very helpful in the conduct of these meetings. There were nearly 100 young people who recorded some progress in their Christian growth.

A large gathering of friends and well-wishers and relatives filled the Ipoh Wesley Church to its capacity to witness the wedding at 3 p.m. on 19th June, of Mr. Foong Ah Yoong, one-time Secretary of the MYF, Ipoh, and Miss Moi Hian Ying, second daughter of the late Rev. Moi Poh Ping and Mrs. Poh Ping of Ipoh. The Rev. Mr. R. Kesselring officiated. The bride, who was attended by her cousin, Miss Wong Swee Lan, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Wong Wai Lam. Mr. Yong Kai Cheong performed the duties of best man. The reception in the A.C.S. Hall was attended by well over 300 guests.

Chinese Church. This large congregation has at last started on their Church building programme. Rev. Chua Sin Teck was elected Chairman of the Building Committee and within a few days over $15,000/- has been pledged and negotiation for the purchase of a site is now going on. The plan includes a parsonage and the total sum required is $50,000/-. It is hoped to raise this from the many friends in Malaya.

MYF. At the close of the monthly social of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, held in A.C.S. Tuckshop on June 30th, opportunity was taken to bid farewell to six of its members who are leaving shortly for America for further studies. The Tan sisters, Toh Leng, Toh Lee, Toh Cheen, and Toh Bee and their brother Toh Kee will be joining William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Yap Kim Hao is entering Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas. Farewell speeches were made by the Rev. R. Kesselring and the Rev. Ho Seng Ong on behalf of the Church and School, and by Mr. A. Shanta and Mr. Chai Hon Chan on behalf of the MYF. Reference was made to the faithful services rendered to the Choir of Wesley Church and the MYF where these young people had served in various capacities and given of their best. Special mention was made of the excellent work done by Kim Hao as Chairman of the Community Service Commission and of the fine example he had unconsciously set to those who would at some time or other be serving in the Commission.

Anglo Chinese Girls School. The Old Girls' Association held a pleasant Musical Evening on June 18th at which about fifty former pupils of the school were present. Among those present was Miss M. Bradley, Assistant Director of Education, who has recently arrived in Malaya and was spending a couple of weeks in Perak. She also spoke at the MYF meeting at Wesley Church on June 20th on life in England and in English schools.



Left:
Mr. Tan Toh Kee and Sisters:
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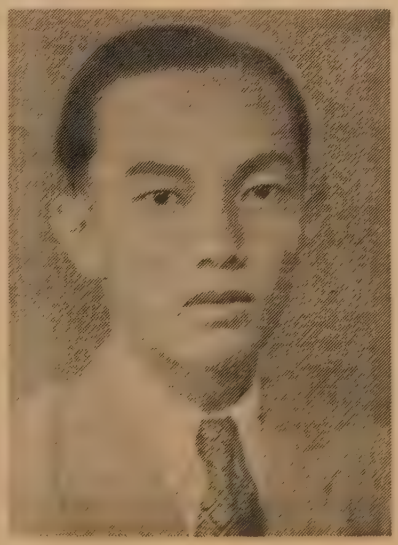


Segamat

A Tamil Sunday School was started on Sagil Estate on the 13th of June, with an enrolment of 20 children. Mr. Jaganathan is the teacher and exhorter. An adult Bible class in Tamil has been started in Johore Labis Oil Palm Plantations, with Mr. S. K. Saminathan as the teacher and local preacher. The English service continues to be carried on in Batu Pahat, with both Indians and Chinese attending. The number is gradually increasing.

The Committee Members of the Teluk Ayer W.S.C.S.

Singapore

The Teluk Ayer W.S.C.S. On June 22nd the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Teluk Ayer Chinese Methodist Church had a very successful "Retreat" in Lam Soon Villa, Siglap. More than 40 members left the Church at about 8 a.m. and with them also went the Superintendent and Staff of the Sunday School which the W.S.C.S. had invited.

Immediately after their arrival at Lam Soon Villa, one of the most beautiful villas on the eastern part of Singapore island, a morning service was held. Rev. Fang Cao Hsi and two other Chinese pastors conducted the service.

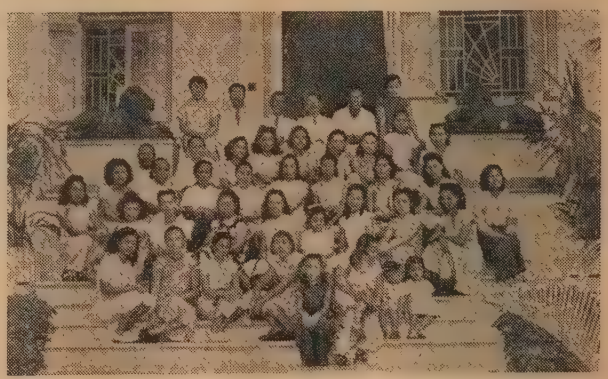
In the afternoon, there was a long session of discussions and a study of the best methods to enlarge the W.S.C.S. membership and to make the W.S.C.S. more effective in the Church. The discussion, which was very lively, was led by the President, Miss Fang Chi Geok.

The Teluk Ayer W.S.C.S. is very well organised, perhaps the best amongst our Chinese Churches. As is customary with any organisation, they have a President, a Vice President, an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer. The rest of the organisation is, perhaps, peculiar to them. They divide their membership into three sections—the Girl's Section, the Young Married Women's Section and the Older Women's Section. This is to make the arrangement of the programmes for the members simpler so that the activities may suit the proper age. Then there are four sections of activities: the Evangelism Section, the Music Section, the Stewardess Section, and the Recreation Section. All these sections have their own chairmen and secretaries.

At the beginning of the year, the new committee maps out the whole year's programme which is then listed on calendars. These calendars are distributed free to members so that they may know about the activities months ahead and be prepared for them when they turn up.

Each of the seven sections in the organisation is responsible for a month's programme and the competitive spirit caused thereby makes programmes interesting. Besides the monthly meetings, which are very well attended, each section has its own separate activities and weekly meetings. The Girls' Section conducts a handwork class under Mrs. Lim Un Tien. The Young Married Women's Section has regular meetings on domestic science, care of children and family problems. The Older Women's Section has not much to do and is actually taken care of and entertained by the younger members. Games like "Threading the Needle" give them great fun.

The Evangelism Section has a group which goes out on Saturdays to speak to new members of the Church, to call on the sick, to visit absent church members and to invite them to church, and also to speak to the children in the Maxwell Road Child Feeding Centre. Any person visiting this centre will be able to hear the children singing gospel hymns every now and then. The other group remains at home or in the church to pray for the success of the day's work.



Members of the Teluk Ayer W.S.C.S. and Staff of the Sunday School at a "Retreat" held at Siglap, Singapore

The Music Section has members who sing in the Church Choir and those who teach Church members to read hymns and to sing. The Stewardess Section does all the ushering on Sundays and maintains discipline. The Recreation Section only functions during Socials and outings.

The W.S.C.S. has organised classes in the afternoons to teach illiterate Church members Chinese Character and Romanised Chinese. These classes are very well attended.

Last year the W.S.C.S. gave a play entitled "The Challenge of the Cross" as part of their evangelistic project. Early this year the well-known favourite, "A Basket of Flowers" was performed on two evenings and a sum of more than $1,000 was realised. This money has enabled the W.S.C.S. to help in many social projects. Monetary help has been given to our Home Missionary Society, the Y.M.C.A. in Amoy, and churches and an

orphanage in Shanghai. In the Church itself, five or six widows and homeless people are being cared for by the W.S.C.S. Surely, this W.S.C.S. is really doing Christian Service.

Wesley Church. The Wesley Programme annually sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service was given on July 7th and 9th at the Wesley Hall. The hall was crowded to capacity on each evening and many had to be turned away. A very excellent programme was offered including the following items:

The W.S.C.S. chorus under the direction of Mrs. R. Lyne sang three numbers.

The MYF gave an excellent radio skit entitled, "Tuning In".

Mr. Douglas Tan played two Chopin numbers on the piano.

The 3rd Company of the Boys Brigade gave an excellent demonstration of Pyramid Building.

Mrs. Koh Geok Kheng sang two solos by Schubert.

Mr. Tan Hock Chuan, the famous Singapore magician, was at his best in his magical items.

Miss Evelyn Goh played the First Movement of the Violin Concerto by Viotti.

The Straits Chinese Male Chorus under the direction of Mr. Tan Hock San sang two items. This chorus has achieved a very fine ensemble, and are to be congratulated on their excellent singing.

The main item on the programme was a play in one act entitled, "One Of Those Days". It was directed by Mrs. Celeste B. Amstutz, and the various parts were taken by members of the Wesley Church. The cast was entirely female and made up of Chinese, English, Eurasian, and American women. The persons taking part were admirably chosen for their particular parts and the play was a tremendous success.

Seremban

Wesley Church. The Wesley MYF had a successful bazaar some two months back. It took a long time to get all the returns from tickets, but when net profit was finally known the sum was $682.60. The group apportioned this amount as follows:

15% -	$102.39	— Home Missionary Society
15% -	$102.39	— Conference Claimants Fund
10% -	68.26	— Toward repairs to school tiffinshed which the MYF often uses for socials, etc.
10% -	68.26	— Toward the purchase of a new piano for the church.
10% -	68.26	— Social Welfare Dept. for the home for destitutes and children.
5% -	34.13	— Convent Orphanage.
5% -	34.13	— Toward the Intermediate MYF treasury.
30% -	$204.78	— For the ongoing programme of the local MYF.
	$682.60	— Total

On Saturday, 26th June, the MYF entertained the St. Francis' Guild of St. Mark's Church (Seremban). A joint devotional service, held at 6:00 P.M., preceded a very lively social in the school-hall. There were approximately 85 young people present. This is the second time that these two organizations have had joint meetings and it is hoped that they will have many more.

On Saturday, 2nd October, the WSCS (Wesley and Tamil Congregations) are planning to have a grand Fair on the school-grounds at the ACS. The ladies have been meeting weekly for the past two months, making plans and sewing for this event. There will be stalls and booths to attract everyone, with special emphasis upon fancywork, clothing, and, of course, food.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL . . .

DR. AND MRS. NG KONG KAI of Sitiawan have left for Singapore to start a new dispensary there. Through their departure Sitiawan has lost two very keen tennis players and a very generous couple. During their stay of over 10 years they have contributed very generously to the church and other religious organisations. Dr. Ling Sing Hung, brother of Mrs. Ng has come to take over Dr. Ng's dispensary in Kampong Koh. Dr. Ling is a graduate of Hong Kong University and an all-round sportsman.

Some recent visitors to Singapore have been: JOHN COLEMAN, Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, who was on his way from Australia to Geneva, Switzerland. He was here long enough to meet many of our Christian students at a gathering at Wesley Manse. CHESTER MIAO, the Far Eastern Secretary of the World Council of Christian Education with headquarters in Shanghai, China, who addressed a representative M.Y.F. group at Wesley Church Hall, July 2nd.

MR. and MRS. PETER HAMEL and children JOHN, ERIC and JOAN stopped in Singapore during the last week of June enroute from Los Angeles to Medan, Sumatra. Mr. Hamel has taken over the principalship of the Methodist Boys' School on Hakkastraat, Medan. Mr. Hamel is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hamel who were with the Methodist Mission in Java and Sumatra for many years, and who during the slump period in the early 30's joined the State Protestant Church of Holland and have been serving in that capacity ever since. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamel were interned during the war.

We welcome the REV. and MRS. PAUL K. SNEAD and their children PAUL and MARY who arrived in Penang on May 29th to take up their appointment at Telok Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Snead prior to the war were missionaries of the Christian Missionary Alliance Mission and served in Indo-China, until the Japanese occupation forced them to go to the Philippine Islands, where the Pacific war then drove them into the hills. After a year they were interned by the Japanese and were released by the American Forces on the very day the Japanese had intended to kill the prisoners. Mr. Snead's father is the Secretary in charge of the Christian Alliance work in the Pacific area. The Sneads had been living in Evanston, Illinois, where he has taken his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Garrett Biblical Institute.

MYF

What's going on in the Malayan MYF

Compiled by S. T. PETER LIM

Dr. Miao Speaks To Christian Youth

When Dr. Chester Miao, Secretary, World Council on Religious Education, spoke to members of the Singapore District Methodist Youth Fellowship in Wesley Hall on Friday July 2nd he did not speak to that group alone, he spoke to Christian youth throughout Malaya. In a quiet and clear voice he challenged Christian youth in Malaya to be on fire and be 'mad' for Christ's sake just as the apostles were considered mad by bystanders during Pentecost.

He stressed the importance of centering our Christian youth organisations in the Church. He also emphasised the need for a nationwide Christian youth organisation which would guide Christian youth in their work for Christ and which could in future send delegates to Regional Conferences similar in nature to Oslo Conference, which would be organized by the World Council on Religious Education.

His sincerity and simplicity endeared him to the gathering and at the end of his message, the acclamation accorded him loudly signified his popularity. Many leaders of other denominations were present.

Community Service and World Friendship

Perhaps the most neglected commissions in the MYF in this country are those on Community Service and World Friendship. But during recent months efforts have been made to make these commissions functional.

Mr Lim Wee Piam Chairman for Community Service in the Singapore District gave to the Ceylang chapter last month some very interesting and helpful suggestions for Community Service which would benefit other chapters as well.

The following are Mr. Lim's suggestions.

1. Paying visits to Hospitals;
2. Paying visits and sending flowers, letters, greetings to the sick, aged and underprivileged both in and outside our own chapter.
3. Participating in District Community Service projects.
4. Help the Child Feeding Centres (This is specially suited for ladies);
5. Attending to the strangers who come to MYF meetings for the first time;
6. Arranging for song services and other services to be held in hospitals and homes;
7. Reading to the blind and shut-ins and subscribing to such worthy funds as the St Nicholas's Home for the Blind at Penang.
8. Allowing newcomers to our meetings to participate in activities after they have come for a few meetings, thereby making them gain interest in the MYF.
9. Helping to take care of the Church buildings grounds, furniture etc. Cleaning the Church for Sunday Services and other occasions;
10. Helping the pastor in his office work, driving cars, delivering messages and other general help;
11. Inquiring after members who have been absent from MYF meetings, thereby helping them to sustain their interest in the MYF.

Other worthy projects are:

1. To start a nursery on Sunday during the Church Service so that mothers who have small children can leave them safely in the nursery and attend the Service.
2. To give help at Boys' Homes by teaching handicrafts and other useful things.

Mr. Lim says that the following three points must never be neglected in any community service programme be it big or small.

1. Continuity of purpose;
2. Willingness to share, and
3. To plan an active Service programme.

Singapore's Effort: The Singapore District as a whole has been appealing to members to donate blood to the Blood Bank which is now suffering from a severe shortage of supply. The appeal has been successful and quite a number of donors have gone to give their blood to the Bank. The Straits Chinese MYF has begun appealing for old clothes for distribution to poor children in the slums. Many chapters are making appeals for empty bottles for use in Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

Malaya's Effort: The M. E. Wesley MYF in their Community Service effort have started a special subscription list from members in and of the Malayan Welfare Fund. The amount is nearing $30 and will be forwarded by the treasurer to the proper authorities.

Coming to World Friendship, a number of "INTERNATIONAL CAMPFIRES" have been organised in Singapore during the past year.

S'pore Wesley MYF International Campfire

The Wesley MYF organised one in June 48 with great success. More than three hundred young people from the MYFs, Scouts, Guides, Boys' Brigades, Girls Life Brigades, the Kiwi Club, the Pen Youth League and the Boys Club gathered in the M.C.S. grounds at Coleman Street for two. The games and songs especially the negro spirituals were enjoyed by all.

Christian youth should not only share their fellowship with their friends in Christian organisations but also with young people of non-Christian groups and make their influence felt. In this manner a closer understanding amongst young people of the country will be achieved and world friendship will not be far behind.

Singapore District MYF Second Annual Oratorical Contest:

Oratorical Contests have become the fashion in Singapore District MYFs.

A large audience listened attentively at the Second Annual Oratorical Contest (held by the Singapore District) to twelve youthful orators from the various MYFs at the Fuochow Methodist Church on Tuesday April 19th. Competition was so keen that the five judges namely, Messrs. T. P. F. McVeigh, George C. Thomson, Yap Phong Geck, R. C. H. Lim and Mrs. E. V. Davies experienced difficulty in picking out the winners. There was a tie for the first place and the judges after some deliberation gave it to Miss Bertha Tan of the Bedok Chinese MYF who won the Challenge Shield as well for her chapter. She spoke on "The Church as a Community Centre". Mr. Theodore Christie of the Tamil MYF who spoke on "Is Malaya ready for Self-government?" was second and Miss Lim Poh Luan of the Fuochow MYF who spoke on "Democracy Can Save the World" was third. The others who spoke were Messrs. E. J. Devasamy, Harry Fong, Tan Kuan Hin, Woo Kwee Kee, Pang Eng Huat, Thau Pong and Yeo Cheng Meng and Misses L. Ponnampalam and Lucy Lau. The other subjects spoken not mentioned was: "Will Non-Violence Prevent War?"

It was a tense moment when the judges were deliberating and when the chief judge Mr. T. P. F. McVeigh came up to give his comment and results. He commented on the very high standard of English delivery, good use of English and diction, and praised the organisation for the highly successful contest and its organisers. He wished the MYF success in all its endeavours.

An absent old member Mr. Charles Kang of Paya Lebar MYF, donated the Challenge Shield to be competed for annually. Other donors were Dr. M. Dorasingham, Chan Su Lan, Messrs. Tan Hiat Seng & B. Clarke, Lee Teck Hock, Lim Cheow Kim, Tan Bee Phuan, Ching Woon Ding, Low Thong Kee, Rev. T. P. Devasamy and Mrs. A. T. Brewer of Batu.

Mr. S. T. Peter Lim, President of the Singapore District presided and Mrs. T. P. F. McVeigh gave away the prizes to the competitors who took part. After this, Mr. Victor J. Joseph, Chairman for Recreation and Culture, Singapore District called upon Miss Myrtle Dana to present to Mrs. McVeigh a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the District.

Scene from "Ali the Cobbler" put on by the Straits Chinese MYF, Singapore. Mustafa: "Welcome to my starving eyes."

Singapore Wesley MYF Oratorical Contest

Wesley followed with another oratorical contest on May 28 and the judges Mesdames M. Mitchell and C. Amstutz and Mr. Charles Wood commended the speakers on their standard of oration and their personality and complained that as a result of this they found difficulty in their judging.

Seah Heok Cheah came out first with "The Emancipation of Women" and the twins Teo Tye Hin and Teo Kha Hin, speaking on "Random Reflections" and "Our Final Choice" respectively, came out second and third. Consolation prize winners were: W. Richards and Goh Chor Jee. Other speakers were: Helen Tay, Choo Teck Woo and Daisy Yee.

The Straits Chinese MYF, winners of the Challenge Shield, are not resting on their laurels. They mean to retain the Shield for as long as they can and so they are training their orators in great earnest. They will be having their contest in July. Other chapters mean to wrest the Shield from the Straits Chinese and are also organising their oratorical contests.

"The Standard"

"The Standard," monthly magazine of K. L. Wesley MYF has certainly set a standard for magazines of this nature in Malaya. Its first anniversary was celebrated on May 29th in K. L. and more than fifty members and friends of the MYF were present at the Birthday Party.

As on any such occasion, the evening opened with speeches from church and school officials which were replied to by the 'father' of the magazine—the Editor. This was followed by the cutting of the birthday cake by Mrs. Abel Eklund and then came the time for eating the cake and the refreshments. After light refreshments had been served, everybody joined in singing a few community songs and members and friends rendered some special items. It was very late when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and the party was over. We look forward to many more anniversaries of "The Standard," which, we know, with its hard working and efficient staff, will never fail but go on from success to success.

"The Challenge"

Talking about chapter magazines, Fairfield MYF, one of the youngest MYFs in Malaya, is also producing one of their own called "The Challenge". At the moment it has six pages with news and articles by the MYF; but the editors hope to enlarge it and to make it serve the church as a whole.

Sentul Methodist Youth Fellowship

The thirty-first and the latest MYF to be organised in Malaya is the Sentul MYF, which had its inauguration ceremony on May 1st, at the Methodist Boys' School, Sentul, K. L.

The following were elected officers:

President:.....N. Paul
Vice President:..A. C. Lee
Hon. Secretary:..W. David
Hon. Treasurer:..V. David
Worship & Evangelism:..Mrs. P. Athimuthu
World Friendship:...Miss Mary Vergese
Community Service:.....Miss Florence Williams
Recreation and Culture:.....K. Ratnasingam

We wish the new MYF God's blessings and every success in their venture for Christ.

Kuala Lumpur District Rally

The Kuala Lumpur District MYF will hold a rally at Seremban some time in August or September. Details have not yet been announced. The Seremban MYF have elected various committees to attend to matters that concern reception. The local Rally committee comprises Toh Kheng Teik (Chairman), Rachel de Kretser, Sidney de Kretser, Stephen Samuel, Victor Jesudoss (ex-officio). When details are issued and registration is open we hope members in K. L. District will respond wholeheartedly to make the Rally a grand success. A healthy programme, full of enriching experiences is promised to every one who attends.

The Church as a Community Centre

Prize-winning speech at the Second Annual Oratorical Contest organised by the Singapore District Methodist Youth Fellowship by Miss Bertha Tan, Straits Chinese MYF, Singapore:—

When we speak of the Church we conjure a picture of a centre that provides spiritual needs. But a community demands more than spiritual needs. The Church should therefore contribute its share by being a centre of all branches of community life—the political, civil, social, industrial, financial, racial and last but not least moral aspects.

What then are the functions of such a centre? The Church should spread out its arms and bring together all these social groups. Thus it can be a strong factor in influencing the community to Christianity.

The Church must be responsible for the economic and political education of its members. Weekly or monthly evening programmes of discussions on social, political and international issues should be held. Community leaders could be invited to form study groups on health, unemployment and other types of social problems. It should provide a meeting ground for members of the community, no matter what their race, social standing and religion might be, to thrash out civic, industrial or whatever particular problem faces the community. But the Church must be careful that the solutions of all problems be based on Christlike standards and principles, so that in cases of strikes, questions of state-lottery and self-government the community could be relied upon to act rationally and on principle.

A library and reading-room should be provided. The public must be made to feel that we do not only open our doors twice or thrice a week for worship or services, but that they are open at all times for use by them. Just as an amusement park is thronged by the greater percentage of the community everyday, the church should be just as attractive a centre for the community. Besides discussions, musical and literary concerts should be regularly organised. This will foster better fellowship among the members of the community.

Such plans cater chiefly for the educated. We must also cater for the illiterate and less fortunate. Steps have already been taken in this country and many other countries, where the Church has provided recreational grounds and organised boys' and girls' clubs. It has

seen to the physical needs of the community as well.

In recent years some church leaders have won the confidence of the community by acting as counsellors to people in trouble. In fact it is amazing that in this country and in other countries many people are ignorant, not only of the location of the church, but even of its name and existence. We must use every means of publicity, to get people to know that the church is there to help them.

Thus, through the medium of worship, art, dramatics, music, study, recreation and above all, example, the church is a centre where racial and social discrimination is broken down. It is a centre that battles to establish a true united community that acts in a Christlike manner. These mediums are only the means to an end. Indirectly, we get them to Christ. Just as we may win over a hungry man through his stomach, there is a great need to introduce Christ through these channels of community-life.

AN INTERMEDIATE MYF

Cabinet Members of the Intermediate MYF, Seremban

THE SEREMBAN INTERMEDIATE Methodist Fellowship was organized towards the end of last year. It caters for boys and girls who are not old enough to join the Senior MYF. We have a membership of one hundred and fifty and the attendance has been consistent. The office bearers and members are all very enthusiastic.

We have avoided duplicating the Sunday School programme. After a short worship service the boys and girls disperse to their classes. We have a sewing class and a singing class for girls, an art class for both boys and girls, and gymnastics and fretwork classes for boys. We had an electricity class for boys, but owing to the lack of apparatus we had to discontinue it. We are trying to form a percussion band. An order for the instruments has already been sent. We shall also be having a Bible class.

The instructors of the sewing class are Mrs. J. V. Ayaduray and Mrs. Veerapen. They are doing good work and the pupils are very interested. At present they are sewing a variety of attractive handkerchiefs and quilts for the Women's Society of Christian Service. The fretwork class does some very good work. Mr. Tan Jin Hoe is the instructor. The class made some shields which they coloured. These were displayed on our School's Sports Day. Mrs. Ingerson takes the singing class which will be singing some special songs at our meeting. The Art Class does handwork and drawing and Rev. Ingerson is the instructor and Mr. Chong Thin Huatt assists him. Mr. Tan Tuan Chong is the coach of the gymnastics class. The teacher for the class of Bible study has not be appointed.

Our weekly meetings are held on Thursday at five o'clock. The various departments carry on their work well. We have regular socials and prayer meetings.

S. AYADURAY, *Secretary.*

A MESSAGE
from the
CONFERENCE SECRETARY

IT IS WITH PLEASURE that I announce the appointment of Mr. Eric Wee of 16 Hillside Drive, Singapore, as acting Conference Secretary of the Malaya MYF and Young People's Work during my absence on a year's study leave. Mr. Eric Wee brings to his task great gifts of leadership and a wide experience of Youth Work on the church and in the community. He has been a District President and is now a member of the YMCA Board, the Singapore Youth Council and the Malayan Christian Council. I am sure all MYF officers and friends will give him their utmost support as he takes on this leadership.

Our task in the last year or more was one of rehabilitation. The Institute at Ipoh at least from this point of view was a tremendous success. Having reached the culmination of a programme of rehabilitation we are now ready for an advance and it seems to be in the fitness of things that we should have new leadership. Not only have we a newly-appointed Secretary but also a newly-elected Council with Mr. Peter Lim as President. Both these gentlemen have powerful motor-bikes and if I can trust them by going pillion-riding with them then I feel that they can be trusted by anyone to make things move and get somewhere! I owe much to both of them in the work I tried to carry out last year. While thanking all Chapters for their helpful response I should like to make a plea for even greater support for the Secretary and the Council as they plan for the future.

There are a few particular matters that I should like to mention even at the risk of being gratuitously repetitive:

1. Every Chapter should keep a file for Central Office and Council matters and should attend to circulars.
2. Every chapter should order the High-road, the Workshop and a set of booklets through the Methodist Bookroom.
3. Every chapter should send publications or news of its activities to the Conference Secretary for him to compile the MYF page in the Malaysia Message.
4. Every Chapter should keep the aims of the MYF constantly before its members.
5. Every Chapter should constantly test its programme to find out if it is an expression of the high purposes of the MYF.

I believe that the MYF can achieve great things for Christ, for His Church and His Kingdom. After twenty years of 'active service' I wish to testify that anyone who is prepared to make a little sacrifice of time, money, talent and strength will see that he will find himself and his God through Christ and can have the satisfaction of the true disciple whose highest duty is to love and serve God.

T. R. DORAISAMY.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

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MRS. MERCY THEVATHASAN RAJAH who is studying at the London University, has successfully passed her Inter-Law examination.

The REV. and MRS. CHEW HOCK HIN sailed from New York City on July 13th on a ship which will bring them directly to Singapore in approximately 5 weeks time. They had been studying at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, on Crusade Scholarships.

MR. FREDERICK W. DAVID, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred David of Parit Buntar, was very ill in the General Hospital, Penang, during the month of June, suffering from typhoid and pneumonia. We rejoice with his family in his recovery.

The REV. J. S. ARTHUR, pastor of the Tamil Methodist Church, Penang, is seriously ill in the Penang General Hospital. Earlier in the year Mr. Arthur was ill with pneumonia. He made what seemed to be a good recovery, but now is suffering from tuberculosis. The prayers of his friends are asked on his behalf and for his family.

MISS LYDIA URECH, who retired from Malaya last year after many years of service, has been visiting in the U.S.A., and in particular in Southern California. While in Gardena she entered a hospital for treatment, which ended in a serious operation from which she has completely recovered. Miss Urech is expecting to leave the U.S.A. about the end of July for England, and will no doubt, spend the winter in Switzerland.

On July 1st DR. EMMEN, Secretary of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, arrived in Singapore and stopped for a day's visit. That evening quite a number of representatives of the various Protestant Churches in the city met at an informal gathering at which time he spoke to them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

12th July, 1948.

The Editor,
Sir:

I have read in the Christian Advocate for April 29 Chester A. Smith's article entitled "Methodism's Rising Apostasy." He deplores the fact that the second and third *Affirmation of Faith* have been placed in our hymnal for use in the worship services of our Church. I am in hearty agreement with him in what he says regarding the omission of some of the great doctrines of our Church from these affirmations. That is indeed regrettable. I wonder if these affirmations are in any way an indication of the present day trend of Methodist theology?

I am surprised that one of our bishops "has explained that these affirmations were placed in the hymnal for use in the Methodist Churches on the foreign field." Speaking from an experience of some thirty years in the ministry, I think I am right in saying that we prefer the *Apostles' Creed* to these affirmations. Some of us are under the impression that they have been placed in the hymnal for the use of the Church in America!

Thanking you for the space,
Yours fraternally,

GOH HOOD KENG, *Pastor*,
Straits Chinese Methodist
Church, Singapore

In a recent letter, Miss Dirksen says: "The Clinic is very busy, and when I go to Ayer Tawar and Third Road, I put in long hours seeing folks . . . I can use the following if it is not too much trouble and expense to get them to me:

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